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REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

"The references of record do not teach either singularly or in combination at least the steps of 'providing a leadframe paddle; forming a groove in the leadframe paddle; placing a conductive bonding agent in the groove; and placing the electronic device in the groove to be held by the conductive bonding agent' in a method of forming a leadframe package by providing a leadframe including lead fingers, forming a groove, placing a conductive bonding agent in the groove, and placing an electronic device in the groove to be held by the conductive bonding agent."

Regarding claim 5, claim 5 is dependent from claim 1. The Examiner has indicated that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5, as amended, rewrites claim 5 limitations in its entirety in an independent form, incorporating all the limitations of the base claim, the original claim 1, and the limitations of original claim 5 in their entirety. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the amended claim 5, rewritten in an independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, is therefore allowable, as Examiner indicated.

Regarding claim 11, claim 11 is dependent from claim 7. The Examiner has indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 11, as amended, rewrites claim 11 limitations in its entirety in an independent form, incorporating all the limitations of the base claim, the original claim 7, and the limitations of original claim 11 in their entirety. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the now amended claim 11, rewritten in an independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, is therefore allowable, as Examiner indicated.

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Newly added dependent claims, claims 25-28 and 29-32, depend from now allowable independent claims 5 and 11, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by the addition of these claims. Support for these claims stem from the original dependent claims to original claims 1 and 7 (now cancelled), mainly rewriting original dependent claims 2-4, 6, 8-10, and 12 (now cancelled), which depended from originally, independent claims 1 and 7. Thus, new claims 25-32, as rewritten, incorporate the entire limitations of claims previously presented in claims 2-4, 6, 8-10, and 12. Consequently, no new matter has been introduced.

It is respectfully submitted that the now amended claims 5 and 11, and the claims depending therefrom, are now unobvious.

The new dependent claims 25-32, respectively depend from independent claims 5 and 11 and are believed to be allowable since they contain all the limitations set forth in the independent claims from which they depend and claim non-obvious combinations thereof.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakazawa et al. (US Pat. 5,648,682, hereinafter "Nakazawa").

Regarding claims 1, 2, 4, and 6, these claims have been cancelled for reasons unrelated to patentability and the rejections are now moot.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakazawa et al. (US Pat. 5,648,682, hereinafter "Nakazawa") in view of Tsubosaki et al. (US Pat. 5,714,405, hereinafter "Tsubosaki").

Regarding claim 3, claim 3 has been cancelled for reasons unrelated to patentability and the rejections are now moot.

Claims 7, 8, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakazawa et al. (US Pat. 5,648,682, hereinafter "Nakazawa") in view of admitted prior art (APA).

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Regarding claim 7, 8, 10 and 12, these claims have been cancelled for reasons unrelated to patentability.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakazawa et al. (US Pat. 5,648,682, hereinafter "Nakazawa") and APA as applied to claim 7 above, and further in view of Tsubosaki et al. (US Pat. 5,714,405, hereinafter "Tsubosaki").

Regarding claim 9, claim 9 has been cancelled for reasons unrelated to patentability and the rejections are now moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 5, 11, and 25-32 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0374 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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